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STATE PRISON INMATE DIES

(Pierre) - A South Dakota State Penitentiary inmate passed away from apparent natural causes February 5, 2002 at St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall, SD.

Otis Shaffer, age 77, had been hospitalized since December 29, 2001.

Shaffer was serving a life sentence out of Pennington County for 1st Degree Rape. He began serving that sentence in April 9, 1963.